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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SOPN US CH OVIP (ROWAN, CARL), OEXC

SUBJ: CARL ROWAN VISIT TO PRC

1. COLUMNIST CARL ROWAN AND DELEGATION OF TEN ARRIVED IN PEKING ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT INVITATION OF MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT. ALTHOUGH NON-JOURNALISTS AND SPOUSES ARE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP, THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A PROGRAM CLEARLY DESIGNED TO GET OUT PRC VIEWS ON NORMALIZATION TO INFLUENTIAL NEWSMEN (WASHINGTON STAR PUBLISHER JOSEPH ALLBRITTON IS ALSO A DELEGATION MEMBER).

2. INFORMATION DEPARTMENT FOREIGN PRESS LIAISON IDIVISON DIRECTOR MA YU-CHEN, WHO GREETED GROUP ON AIRPORT ARRIVAL, DODGED ROWAN'S QUESTIONS ON REASONS FOR TENG'S OUTBURST TO ASSOCIATED PRESS DELEGATION BY SAYING "I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT BUT I AM SURE THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL COMMENT TO YOU BEFORE YOU DEPART CHINA." TO THIS END ROWAN SUBMITTED A LIST OF QUESTIONS FOCUSSED ON US-PRC  
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RELATIONS, THE TAIWAN QUESTION, AND THE TENG REMARKS.

3. BEFORE DEPARTING LATE EVENING SEPTEMBER 12 FOR ONE-DAY EXCURSION TO TACHAI, THE ROWAN DELEGATION WAS GIVEN A WELCOME BANQUET (SEPTEMBER 10) BY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CHIEN CHI-CHEN, MET WITH NCNA OFFICIALS (SEPTEMBER 12), AND HAD A TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER

YU CHAN (SEPTEMBER 12). ON ITS RETURN TO PEKING THE DELEGATION HAS BEEN PROMISED APPOINTMENTS WITH "SENIOR OFFICIALS" ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND SEPTEMBER 15; WE PRESUME THESE MIGHT BE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA AND EITHER VICE PREMIER TENG OR VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN. ROWAN HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL PROVIDE USLO A READOUT ON HIS SESSIONS FOLLOWING THE FINAL MEETING. SO FAR THE GROUP'S ARRIVAL AND ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED BY PRC MEDIA. (COMMENT: VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE MEDIA AFFAIRS, OFTEN PREFERS TO SPEAK ON A BACKGROUND BASIS TO VISITING NEWSMEN.)

4. THE DELEGATION WILL ALSO VISIT SIAN, NANKING, SUCHOU, SHANGHAI AND CANTON BEFORE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 26.

5. FOR TOKYO: DUE TO LAST-MINUTE ADDITION OF SIAN TO ITINERARY AND BINDING COMMITMENTS IN WASHINGTON, ROWAN PLANS TO FLY DIRECT FROM HONG KONG TO HONOLULU AND WASHINGTON. HE THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY CANCEL THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR HIM IN TOKYO AND EXTEND HIS PERSONAL APOLOGIES FOR THE CHANGE OF PLANS: MR. YOSHINO, DEPUTY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO WAS TO RECEIVE HIM ON SEPTEMBER 28 AT 10:30, AND MR. OKAMARU, OFFICIAL OF THE INFORMATION BUREAU, MFA (TEL 5803311 EXT 2272).  
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